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TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES EXPANDTUNNEL TO BE BUILT IN PRAGUE -- Lidova Demokracie, No 198, 25 Aug 49

Simultaneously with the construction of the new Stefanik Bridge in Prague, work will proceed on the boring of the Letna Tunnel. The city administration will soon discuss the release of facilities for the construction of the tunnel. Technicians are working on the detailed plans, which will be ready some time in September.

The boring of the tunnel, which is part of a new continuation of the bridge, will be begun from both sides. In the beginning of the boring it emerges into Ulice Nad Stolcem near the Ministry of the Interior. The new route will be bilaterally connected to the Letna Waterworks. The tunnel is to be 30 meters wide, and its depth will be about 600 meters; the length of the tunnel proper is 450 meters. It will be used for vehicular and trolley-bus traffic.

The expense for this project will be 180 million crowns, of which about 140 million will be for the tunnel itself. The construction is to be completed sometime during 1952.

VAH RIVER TO HAVE TRANSPORT SERVICE -- Rude Pravo, No 198, 24 Aug 49

The Partyzara, the first transport ship on the Vah was launched on 20 August. The new ship will aid in the transport of building materials, and will thus save manpower on the Trencianska Teplo-Sered sector. This unregulated sector causes considerable damage by annual floods.

WATER TRANSPORT RESUMED -- Lidova Demokracie, No 191, 17 Aug 49

Ship transportation on the Usti nad Labem-Decin route was restored on 16 August. All restrictions have been revoked, and ships are operating according to regular schedules. The Czechoslovak Elbe Navigation Company state enterprise announces that pleasure trips on Wednesdays and Saturdays to the Vrnay dam have been inaugurated.

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Steamers depart for Stechovice daily at 0800, 1000, 1330, and 1500 hours, for Zbraslav at 1715 hours; they depart for Melnik on Wednesdays and Sundays at 0630 hours. A steamer will leave for Hrensko on Saturday 20 August at 0630 hours from the Liben bridge. For this trip it is necessary to send an application with a deposit to the management in Prague I, Masarykovo Nabrezi No 4.

YOUTH RAILROAD WORKERS INCREASE -- L'ud, No 170, 23 Jul 49

The large increase of the number of brigade workers on the Youth Railroad was during the month of July when 3,942 boys and 845 girls came to work on the railroad. This is 817 more than the number that came during June. At present there are 155 laborers, 3,778 secondary school students, 151 apprentices, 325 students from institutions of higher learning, 340 teachers, and 38 workers of various professions working on the Youth Railroad. Besides the Slovak brigade workers there are also brigade workers from the Czech Provinces. Bratislava Kraj sent 1,419 brigade workers, Banska Bystrica Kraj 575, Zilina Kraj 528, Nitra Kraj 567, Kosice Kraj 521, and Presov Kraj 486.

POLISH BRIGADES TO WORK ON RAILROAD -- L'ud, No 167, 20 Jul 49

A 150-man brigade of Polish youths came to work on the Youth Railroad on 18 July. They will stay for a 3-week period to help build the rail line. The group arrived at the Hronska Dubrava rail station and was met by Czechoslovak Youth chairman Hejslar and Youth Railroad director Toman.

NEW AIR ROUTE ESTABLISHED -- Praca, No 193, 20 Jul 49

Czechoslovak Airlines has established a new air route from Bratislava to Piest'any. The price of a one-way trip is 240 crowns, and a 10-day round-trip ticket costs 384 crowns. Compared to the fare by second-class express train, a round-trip ticket by plane is 52 crowns cheaper. The plane leaves Bratislava at 1630 and Piest'any at 0655. Czechoslovak Airlines are also conducting regular sight-seeing air tours over Bratislava and vicinity every Sunday.

NEW AIR ROUTE TO BE OPENED -- Rude Pravo, No 176, 29 Jul 49

On 1 August the Czechoslovak Airlines will begin operation on the new Prague-Brno route. A flight will leave Prague each weekday at 1635 hours, arriving in Brno at 1935 hours. A flight will leave Brno at 0630 hours, arriving in Prague at 0730 hours.

PARACHUTE COURSE OPENED -- Pravda, No 194, 18 Aug 49

The branch establishment for training parachutists in Partyzanske has again begun a training course for all interested persons. The regular training, which is the best preparation for jumping, is conducted by Comrade Vasecka from the Czechoslovak Airlines' Center. Old parachutists from Partyzanske, such as Comrades V. Bobik, Mamrak, Platneca, Sloboda, and Zolcak, also conduct training. The training will last 3 months; at the end of this time the first jump can be made. Eighty new interested persons have applied.

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WOMEN RECRUITED FOR STREETCAR TRANSPORTATION -- Bude Pravo, No 197, 23 Aug 49

Operators and conductors of Prague streetcars who are skilled in trades are transferring to productive work. Recently 54 additional men have volunteered; their places will be taken by women.

Women conductors are applying for operators' schools. Selection is strict; of 40 women applying, 20 were considered qualified, but only eight of the latter passed the medical examination. These eight women will take the places of male operators in the next few days. Additional women desiring positions as conductors may apply at the Transportation Enterprise, Prague 7, Rubenske Nabrezi.

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